



Spring 2015 M-STEP Science and Social Studies Assessments

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The Michigan-developed Science and Social Studies assessments will continue to include only multiple-choice items for the Spring 2015 test cycle. **There are no Classroom Activities or Performance Tasks on the Science or Social Studies assessments.** The content coverage for the elementary, middle school, and high school tests is as follows:

SCIENCE

- **Grade 4:** The elementary M-STEP science test includes items that measure grade-level content expectations for grades 2, 3, and 4. It will be administered to students in the spring of grade 4 and follows the same blueprint that was previously administered to students in the fall of grade 5.
- **Grade 7:** The middle school M-STEP science test includes items that measure grade-level content expectations for grades 5, 6, and 7. It will be administered to students in the spring of grade 7 and follows the same blueprint that was previously administered to students in the fall of grade 8.
- **Grade 11:** The high school M-STEP science test will measure high school content expectations that a student should know and be able to demonstrate by spring of grade 11. The assessment is similar to previous administrations of the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) Day 3 science test with additional items in the Inquiry strand.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- **Grade 5:** The elementary M-STEP social studies test includes items that measure grade-level content expectations for grades 3, 4, and 5. It will be administered to students in the spring of grade 5 and follow the same blueprint that was previously administered to students in the fall of grade 6.
- **Grade 8:** The middle school M-STEP social studies test includes items that measure grade-level content expectations for grades 6, 7, and 8. It will be administered to students in the spring of grade 8 and follows the same blueprint that was previously administered to students in the fall of grade 9.
- **Grade 11:** The high school M-STEP social studies test will measure high school content expectations that a student should know and be able to demonstrate by spring of grade 11. The assessment is similar to previous administrations of the MME Day 3 social studies test with additional items that require students to analyze and interpret graphic stimuli.